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SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY,

AT THEIR SESSIONS

IN ELIZABETH, N. J.,

JUNE, 1870,

AND AT THEIR SESSIONS

IN MORRISTOWN, NEW JERSEY,

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ELIZABETH, N. J., June 21st, 1870.

The Synod of New Jersey met in the Westminster Church, in this City, at 3 o'clock, P. M., in accordance with the direction of the General Assembly, and was opened with a Sermon from the 122d Psalm, the last clause of the 6th verse, "They shall prosper that love thee," by the Rev. James P. Wilson, D. D., of the Presbytery of Newark, who had been appointed to that duty by the General Assembly, and who was also appointed to preside as Moderator until a new Moderator should be chosen.

After public worship, the enabling act of the General Assembly, so far as relates to this Synod was read, and then the Synod was constituted with prayer.

P R E S E N T .

From the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town.

MINISTERS.

Rev. LEWIS BOND,	Rev. WM. SCRIBNER,
" WM. W. BLAUVELT, D. D.,	" GEORGE C. LUCAS,
" BENJAMIN CORY,	" GARDINER S. PLUMLEY,
" JAMES T. ENGLISH,	" WM. L. MOORE,
" SAM'L S. SHEDDAN, D. D.,	" JOHN A. LIGGET,
" LUTHER H. VAN DOREN,	" THOMAS CARTER,
" SAM'L KELLOGG,	" JOHN H. JACKSON,
" JOHN C. RANKIN, D. D.,	" AARON PECK,
" EDWIN H. REINHART,	" WILLIAM HALL,
" GEORGE SHELDON, D. D.,	" T. B. JERVIS.
" EDWARD B. EDGAR,	

ELDERS.

Mr. CHRISTIAN WYCKOFF,....	from..	Lamington.
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“ JOSEPH WOODRUFF,.....	“	1st Church, Rahway.
“ JOHN B. STEVENS,.....	“	Baskingridge.
“ J. EDWARDS MARSH,....	“	Elizabeth Port.
“ ABIEL PIERSON,.....	“	Westfield.
“ THOMAS H. MORRIS,.....	“	Woodbridge.
“ EZRA M. HUNT,.....	“	Metuchen.
“ WILLIAM W. PERRINE,..	“	1st Church, Elizabeth.
“ MATTHIAS OSBORN,.....	“	New Providence.
“ THOMAS N. SHAFER,....	“	2d Church, Rahway.
“ PETER HOAGLAND,.....	“	1st Church, Plainfield.
“ JOHN SETON,.....	“	Roselle.

From the Presbytery of Passaic.

MINISTERS.

Rev. ALFRED CHESTER,	Rev. DAVID IRVING, D. D.,
“ JOSEPH M. OGDEN, D. D.,	“ JACOB WAHRENBERGER,
“ H. N. BRINSMADE, D. D.,	“ E. R. CRAVEN, D. D.,
“ HOLLIS REED,	“ DAVID H. PIERSON, Ph. D.,
“ EDWARD HARRIS,	“ WM. C. ROBERTS,
“ JAMES FENNER, D. D.,	“ JAMES F. BREWSTER,
“ O. L. KIRTLAND,	“ J. B. PATERSON,
“ ROBERT STREET,	“ ALFRED YEOMANS,
“ JOHN F. PINGRY, Ph. D.,	“ GEORGE C. POLLOCK,
“ WM. H. HORNBLOWER, D. D.,	“ GEORGE L. SMITH,
“ JOHN P. WESTERVELT,	“ A. J. WINTERICK,
“ JOHN A. FRENCH,	“ SAMUEL W. FOX.

ELDERS.

Mr. HENRY P. DAY,.....	from..	Chatham Village.
“ WILLIAM RANKIN,.....	“	Wickliffe Church.
“ DAVID M. POTTER,.....	“	Connecticut Farms.
“ ABRAHAM GOULD,.....	“	1st Church, Paterson.
“ LORENZO BOYDEN,.....	“	3d Church, Newark.
“ R. S. T. CISSEL,.....	“	Westminster Church.
“ JAMES C. BAKER,.....	“	Lyons Farms.

Mr. KEEN PRUDEN, from . . 2d Church Elizabeth.
 " ROBERT STUART, " Rutherford Park.
 " THEODORE LITTLE, " 1st Church, Morristown.

From the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

MINISTERS.

Rev. R. K. RODGERS, D. D.,	Rev. J. G. SYMMES,
" THOMAS L. JANEWAY, D. D.,	" A. L. ARMSTRONG,
" JAMES M. MACDONALD, D. D.,	" A. D. L. JEWETT,
" ALEX'R. T. MCGILL, D. D.,	" WM. E. WESTERVELT,
" GEORGE HALE, D. D.,	" SAM'L M. STUDDIFORD,
" J. H. MCILVAINE, D. D.,	" JOSEPH S. VAN DYKE,
" JOHN HALL, D. D.,	" JAMES B. KENNEDY,
" WM. HENRY GREEN, D. D.,	" HENRY NEILL, D. D.,
" JOSEPH R. MANN, D. D.,	" DAVID J. ATWATER,
" SPENCER L. FINNEY,	" J. V. W. SCHENCK,
" SAMUEL M. HAMILL, D. D.,	" JESSE B. DAVIS,
" R. H. RICHARDSON, D. D.,	" JOSEPH W. HUBBARD.

ELDERS.

Mr. HENRY W. GREEN, from . . 1st Church, Trenton.
 " J. G. J. CAMPBELL, " Lawrence.
 " GEORGE M. MACLEAN, " 1st Church, Princeton.
 " J. G. VAN DYKE, " Kingston.
 " MATTHIAS M. PERRINE, " 1st Church, Cranberry.
 " WILLIAM RUST, " 1st Church, New Brunswick.
 " AARON H. VAN CLEVE, " South Amboy.
 " JACOB SNEDIKER, " 2d Church, Cranberry.
 " GILBERT SEAMAN, " Hightstown.
 " JOSEPH G. BREARLEY, " 3d Church, Trenton.
 " G. H. BURROUGHS, " 2d Church, Princeton.
 " JOHN S. NOBLE, " 2d Church, New Brunswick.

From the Presbytery of Newton.

MINISTERS.

Rev. AARON H. HAND, D. D.,	Rev. D. K. FREEMAN,
" THANIEL B. CONDIT,	" E. CLARK CLINE,

Rev. WM. H. KIRK,	Rev. HENRY B. TOWNSEND,
“ DAVID TULLY,	“ WM. C. STITT,
“ MYRON BARRET,	“ WM. LAURIE,
“ THOS. McCAULEY,	“ JOSEPH H. DOREMUS.

ELDERS.

Mr. WM. H. HAMLIN,	from..	Greenwich.
“ NOAH M. CRAMER,	“	1st Mansfield Church.
“ DANIEL HULSIZER,	“	Stewartsville.
“ A. M. EASTON,	“	1st Church, Belvidere.
“ W. W. MARSH,	“	Hackettstown.
“ DANIEL JOHNSON,	“	Newton.
“ JOHN C. JOHNSON,	“	Blairstown.
“ W. C. MELLAN,	“	2d Mansfield Church.

From the Presbytery of West Jersey.

MINISTERS.

Rev. FRANKLIN D. HARRIS,	Rev. ROBT. J. BURTT,
“ ALLEN H. BROWN,	“ FREDERIC R. BRACE,
“ WILLIAM BANNARD, D. D.,	“ ALEXANDER PROUDFIT,
“ CASPAR R. GREGORY,	“ SAM'L W. PRATT,
Rev. CHAS. T. McMULLIN.	

ELDERS.

Mr. AUGUSTUS BARBER,	from..	Woodbury.
“ ELIAS B. WOODRUFF,	“	1st Bridgeton.
“ JOHN R. ALDERMAN,	“	Woodstown.

From the Presbytery of Corisco.

MINISTERS.

NONE.

ELDERS.

NONE.

From the Presbytery of Raritan.

MINISTERS.

Rev. JOHN WILLOX,	Rev. JOHN BURROWS,
“ PETER A. STUDDIFORD,	“ I. D. RANDOLPH,
“ GEORGE S. MOTT,	“ J. B. ADAMS,
“ N. L. UPHAM,	“ JOHN EWING,
“ J. ALSTYNE BLAUVELT,	“ JOHN D. HEWITT,
“ SAM'L HARRISON,	“ J. H. CLARK.

ELDERS.

Mr. ASHBEL WELCH,.....	from..	Lambertville.
“ DAVID NEIGHBOUR,	“	German Valley.
“ A. P. LUNGER,.....	“	Musconetcong Valley.
“ G. F. FISHER,.....	“	Amwell United, 1st.
“ GEORGE CARPENTER,....	“	Milford.
“ GEORGE RUNK,.....	“	Stockton.
“ N. W. VOORHEES,.....	“	Clinton.
“ WM. TINSMAN,.....	“	Bloomsbury.
“ T. E. HUNT,.....	“	Clarksville.
“ GEORGE B. STOOHOFF,..	“	Flemington.
“ T. Y. VAN MATER,.....	“	Kirkpatrick Memorial.

From the Presbytery of Burlington.

MINISTERS.

Rev. SAMUEL MILLER, D. D.,	Rev. JOSEPH GREENLEAF, JR.,
“ VILLEROY D. REED, D. D.,	“ HENRY R. HALL,
“ K. P. KETCHAM,	“ LEWIS C. BAKER,
	Rev. W. G. CAIRNES.

ELDERS.

Mr. J. D. REINBOTH,	from..	1st Church, Camden.
“ CHARLES A. WALTERS,..	“	Burlington.
“ A. A. HOWELL,.....	“	Allentown.

From the Presbytery of Monmouth.

MINISTERS.

Rev. J. TODD,	Rev. FRANK CHANDLER,
“ CHAS. F. WORRELL, D. D.,	“ JOHN L. KEHOE,
“ THADDEUS WILSON,	“ D. F. LOCKERBY,
“ J. T. H. WAITE,	“ B. S. EVERETT,
“ A. P. COBB,	“ RICHARD HAMILTON.

ELDERS.

Mr. JOSEPH COMBES,	from	Tennent Church.
“ WILLIAM TORREY,	“	Manchester.
“ JULIUS FOSTER,	“	Holmansville.
“ WM. H. COURTER,	“	Jamesburg.
“ E. D. WHITE,	“	Mattawan.
“ STEPHEN PERRINE,	“	Manalapan.

From the Presbytery of Newark.

MINISTERS.

Rev. ENOS A. OSBORN,	Rev. PRENTISS DE VEUVE,
“ ROBERT B. CAMPFIELD,	“ HENRY F. HICKOK,
“ SAM'L HUTCHINS,	“ CHARLES H. THOMPSON,
“ JONATHAN F. STEARNS, D. D.,	“ CHARLES F. HALEY,
“ JAMES P. WILSON, D. D.,	“ ELDRIDGE MIX,
“ WILLIAM T. FINDLEY, D. D.,	“ ISAIAH B. HOPWOOD,
“ A. COGSWELL FRISSELL,	“ GEORGE C. SEIBERT, D. D.,
“ JOSEPH FEW SMITH, D. D.,	“ ALBERT ERDMAN,
“ CHARLES A. SMITH, D. D.,	“ CHARLES T. BERRY,
“ ROBERT AIKMAN,	“ JOHN C. BLISS,
“ ALFRED DASHEIL, JR.,	“ CHARLES E. KNOX,
“ JOHANN U. GUENTHER,	“ ALEX'R. A. McCONNELL,
“ WILLIAM WOLFF,	“ PHILO P. LEAVENS,
“ J. ROMEYN BERRY, D. D.,	“ JOHN WARD,
“ J. W. COCHRAN,	“ C. L. BOING,
“ D. KENNEDY, D. D.,	“ SAM'L H. HALL, D. D.

ELDERS.

Mr. S. H. PENNINGTON,	from . . .	Newark 1st Church.
" A. PARKHURST,	"	Newark, South Park.
" JAMES B. PINNEO,	"	Newark, High Street.
" WILLIAM O. HEADLEY, . .	"	Newark, Central.
" J. D. HARRISON,	"	Newark, 2d Church.
" JEREMIAH BAKER,	"	Madison.
" SAMUEL H. TURNER,	"	Bricksburg.
" ——— HEXAMER,	"	Newark, German 1st.
" ISAAC OGDEN,	"	Newark, 6th Church.
" RICHARD HALL,	"	Newark, Park Street.
" WILLIAM S. MORRIS,	"	Montclair.
" CALVIN E. PIERSON,	"	Orange.
" ANTHONY MANDEVILLE, .	"	Plane Street, Newark.
" STEPHEN WICKES,	"	Orange, 1st Church.
" JOSEPH FARNSWORTH, . . .	"	Roseville.
" JOHN E. VAN WINKLE, . . .	"	2d Church, Paterson.
" JOHN C. HINES,	"	South Street, Morristown.
" A. GLEASON,	"	Plainfield, 2d Church.
" M. W. DODD,	"	Bloomfield.
" DAVID WOODRUFF,	"	Elizabeth, 3d Church.
" IRA CANFIELD,	"	Cranford.
" GEORGE H. THOMPSON, . .	"	Mendham, 1st Church.
" WILLIAM LITTELL,	"	Central Church, Summit.
" ALBERT PIERSON,	"	West Church, Summit.
" HORACE H. NICKOLS,	"	Woodside.

From the Presbytery of Rockaway.

MINISTERS.

Rev. JOHN FORD,	Rev. GEORGE T. Le BOUTILLIER,
" BURTIS C. MEGIE,	" JAMES A. FERGUSON,
" DANIEL E. MEGIE,	" E. R. FAIRCHILD, D. D.,
" ELIJAH W. STODDARD,	" J. S. EVANS, D. D.,
" ANDREW TULLY,	" JAMES McWILLIAM,
" O. H. PERRY DEYO,	" W. H. MAGIE,
" STEPHEN S. GOODMAN.	" JOHN R. JENKINS.

ELDERS.

Mr. JOHN TITSWORTH,	from . . .	1st Church, Wantage.
“ J. W. CONDIT,	“	Dover.
“ B. H. SMITH,	“	Boonton.
“ A. R. RIGGS,	“	Sucassunna.
“ DANIEL BYRAM,	“	2d Church, Mendham.
“ JOHN DUNNING,	“	2d Church, Wantage.
“ WM. MATTISON,	“	Branchville.
“ DANIEL HAINES,	“	Hardiston.
“ WM. A. CONDIT,	“	2d Church, Hanover.
“ STEPHEN D. WARD,	“	Hanover.

Together with the following Ministers residing in the State of New Jersey, but connected with Presbyteries other than those within the limits of the State :

REV. CHARLES K. IMBRIE, D. D.,	REV. EDWARD P. GARDINER,
“ EDWARD W. FRENCH,	“ JAMES C. EGBERT,
“ SAM'L W. DUFFIELD,	“ A. E. CAMPBELL, D. D.,
“ H. M. BOOTH,	“ GEORGE P. NOBLE.

ELDERS.

Mr. DAVID STIGER,	from . . .	1st Church, Jersey City.
“ RICHARD RUSSEL,	“	Bergen.
“ GEORGE W. SHERMAN,	“	Hoboken.
“ A. L. KELLY,	“	Beverly.

The Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D. was unanimously chosen Moderator.

The Rev. R. K. Rodgers was chosen Stated Clerk, and the Rev. George Hale, D. D., and the Rev. B. C. Megie were chosen Temporary Clerks.

Resolved, That a Committee of one Minister and one Elder from each Presbytery, together with two Ministers and two Elders at large to represent parts of Presbyteries be appointed to arrange for the readjustment of Presbyterial boundaries, in accordance with the direction of the

General Assembly, and report such changes as may be deemed desirable—The Committee to be appointed by the chair.

Resolved, That the several Presbyteries of the Synod be authorized to meet during the intervals of the meetings of Synod, at the call of their respective Moderators.

Resolved, That when the Synod adjourns, it adjourns to meet a quarter before 8 o'clock for devotional exercises.

Synod then adjourned to meet at a quarter before 8 o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with prayer.

QUARTER BEFORE 8 O'CLOCK, P. M., JUNE 21st.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The following Ministers appeared in Synod and took their seats; Rev. Samuel Howe, Rev. C. E. Lord, Rev. E. D. Newberry, Rev. — Freeman.

The Moderator announced the following as the Committee to arrange for the readjustment of Presbyterian boundaries—The Rev. Dr. Reed of the Presbytery of Burlington to act as Chairman.

From the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town:

Rev. E. B. Edgar, Minister, Mr. E. M. Hunt, Elder.

From the Presbytery of Passaic:

Rev. David Irving, D. D., Minister, Wm. Rankin, Elder.

From the Presbytery of New Brunswick:

Rev. J. R. Mann, D. D., Minister, J. G. J. Campbell, Elder.

From the Presbytery of Newton:

Rev. A. H. Hand, D. D., Minister, W. W. Marsh, Elder.

From the Presbytery of Newark:

Rev. Robt. Aikman, Minister, S. H. Pennington, Elder.

From the Presbytery of Rockaway :

Rev. B. C. Megie, Minister, Hon. Daniel Haines, Elder.

From the Presbytery of Raritan :

Rev. G. S. Mott, Minister, Ashbel Welch, Elder.

From the Presbytery of West Jersey :

Rev. Alex'r Proudfit, Minister, Augustus Barber, Elder.

From the Presbytery of Burlington :

Rev. V. D. Reed, D. D., Minister, J. D. Reinboth, Elder.

From the Presbytery of Monmouth :

Rev. F. Chandler, Minister, Joseph Combs, Elder.

At Large :

Rev. C. K. Imbrie, D. D.	} Ministers.	Mr. R. Russel,	} Elders.
“ E. W. French,		“ A. L. Kelly,	

Synod then spent an hour in devotional exercises, and adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NINE O'CLOCK,
June 22d, 1870.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

The minutes of the last Sessions of Synod were read.

Mr. A. D. Hope, Elder from the Church of Roselle, in the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town, was admitted as a member of Synod, as the alternate of Mr. Seaton, who had been unexpectedly called from home.

Resolved, That the next Stated Meeting of the Synod be held in the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, N. J., on the 3d Tuesday of October, 1870, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and that the Moderator of the Synod, the Rev. Mr. French, Pastor of the First Church, the Rev. Mr. Erdman, Pastor of the South Street Church, with Mr. Theo-

dore Little, Elder of the First Church, and Mr. J. C. Hines, Elder of the South Street Church, be a committee to make arrangements for the religious exercises of the meeting.

Resolved, That a Committee of one Elder from each Presbytery be appointed to confer with the Secretary of the Committee on the Five Million Fund, with reference to plans for carrying out the purposes of the General Assembly within the bounds of this Synod.

Resolved, That in view of the many Ministers without charge, and of Churches without Pastors, and of the want of any recognized medium of communication between them, this Synod would approve of the suggestion made by some of its members, that the Rev. Dr. Hale, Secretary of the Disabled Ministers' Fund, shall act as a bureau for such purpose. After some discussion, the subject was referred to a committee consisting of the Rev. Messrs. Gregory, Macdonald and Plumley, to report at the next Stated Meeting of Synod.

The Committee appointed to arrange for the readjustment of the Presbyteries composing this Synod, made their report, which having been read, was accepted, amended, and adopted, and is as follows :

It is very evident that in an attempt to determine the Ecclesiastical home and relations of so large a number of Ministers and Churches as are embraced in this Synod, it is impossible to meet the wishes of all or nearly all concerned. As has already been done by the Assembly, in fixing the boundaries of the Synod, so in the work before us it becomes a necessity that Ecclesiastical associations of long standing be broken up—ties of a very sacred character be sundered—local interests and personal convenience be sacrificed. Yet we doubt not that with Christian for-

bearance and self-denial, individual preferences will be waived, and all will cheerfully acquiesce in arrangements calculated to secure the greatest efficiency and usefulness of the whole Synod.

With great unanimity the Committee have adopted the general principle that small Presbyteries should be enlarged or united with others, so that no Presbytery should contain fewer than thirty Churches.

We recommend that the territory of the Synod be divided into eight Presbyteries, as follows :

1. The Presbytery of Newton to comprise the Counties of Sussex and Warren, with that part of Hunterdon lying North of the Musconetcong Mountain, and to be the legal successor of the Presbytery of Newton.

2. The Presbytery of Jersey City to comprise the Counties of Bergen, Passaic and Hudson.

3. The Presbytery of Morris and Orange to comprise the County of Morris, with the townships of Milburn, Livingston, South Orange, East Orange and West Orange in the County of Essex, and to be the legal successor of the Presbyteries of Rockaway and Passaic.

4. The Presbytery of Newark to comprise the City of Newark, with the townships of Woodside, Bellville, Bloomfield, Montclair, Caldwell and Clinton, and to be the legal successor of the Newark Presbytery.

5. The Presbytery of Elizabeth to comprise the Counties of Union and Somerset, (except the Churches of Kingston and Bound Brook) and all Hunterdon County between the Newton and New Brunswick Presbyteries and Middlesex County, North of the Raritan River, and to be the legal successor of the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town.

6. The Presbytery of New Brunswick to comprise the Counties of Mercer and Middlesex, north of the Camden and Amboy Rail Road, except the Churches of Cranberry, Hightstown, South Amboy and Jamesburg, together with that part of the County of Hunterdon, South East of Musconetcong Mountain and South West of the Eastern lines of Alexandria and Raritan Townships, and also the Churches of Kingston and Bound Brook in the County of Somerset, and to be the legal successor of the Presbyteries of New Brunswick and Raritan.

7. The Presbytery of Monmouth to comprise the Counties of Ocean, Monmouth and Burlington, except the Church of Fruitland, together with the Churches of Hightstown, Cranberry, Dayton, South Amboy and Jamesburg, and to be the legal successor of the Presbyteries of Monmouth and Burlington.

8. The Presbytery of West Jersey, the Churches and Ministers in the Counties of Camden, Atlantic, Gloucester, Salem, Cape May and Cumberland, together with the Church of Fruitland in Burlington County, and to be the legal successor of the Presbytery of West Jersey.

9. The Presbytery of Corisco to be constituted as heretofore.

Synod took a recess until half-past two o'clock.

At the close of recess, Synod convened and proceeded to business.

The following persons were appointed on the Committee to confer with the Secretary of the Committee on the Five Million Fund :

Presbytery of West Jersey, Hon. John T. Nixon.

Presbytery of Monmouth, Aaron H. Van Cleve.

Presbytery of New Brunswick, John S. Noble.

Presbytery of Newton, Martin Ryerson.

Presbytery of Jersey City, John G. Parker.

Presbytery of Morris & Orange, Jeremiah Baker.

Presbytery of Newark, Samuel H. Pennington.

Presbytery of Elizabeth, Reuben Van Pelt.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Synod, that the meaning of the General Assembly in its requisition that Ministers without charge should unite with the Presbyteries within the bounds of which they reside, is that such Ministers shall at once be incorporated with the Presbyteries to which they thus naturally belong, upon their simple application for enrollment without any certificates from their former Presbyteries being required.

Resolved, That the Rev. Gavin Langmuir and the Rev. Robert S. Feagles, be attached to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

Resolved, That all Ministers, Licentiates and Candidates, whose names are on the rolls of the late Presbyteries, and whose residence is in other States, or in foreign lands be assigned to the Presbyteries which become the legal successors of those to which they formerly respectively belonged.

Resolved, That the members now present of the several Presbyteries as now constituted and defined, forthwith meet, and fix the time and place of their next meeting, and appoint a Minister to deliver the opening sermon and preside till a new Moderator be duly chosen, and report to the Synod at the present meeting.

Synod then took a recess for half an hour.

At the close of the recess, Synod met and proceeded to business.

The following reports were received from the Presbyteries now composing this Synod:

The Presbytery of Elizabeth will meet in the First Church of Plainfield, on the First Tuesday of October, 1870, at half-past seven o'clock in the evening. The Rev. James T. English will call the Presbytery together—preach the opening sermon, and act as Moderator until another is elected.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick will meet in the Lecture Room of the Second Church of Princeton, on the 28th of June, 1870, at half-past nine o'clock in the forenoon, to be opened with prayer by the Rev. David J. Atwater, who is to preside until a new Moderator is chosen.

The Presbytery of Monmouth will meet at Jamesburg, on the First Tuesday of October, 1870, at eleven o'clock, A. M., and be opened with a sermon by the Rev. Samuel Miller, D. D., who will also preside until a new Moderator is chosen, or in case of his absence, then the Rev. Joseph G. Symmes will preach and preside.

The Presbytery of Newton will meet at Newton, on the First Tuesday of October, 1870, at three o'clock, P. M., to be opened with a sermon by the Rev. Sylvester Cook, the Rev. T. B. Condit to be his alternate. The Rev. Sylvester Cook to preside until a Moderator is chosen.

The Presbytery of Jersey City will meet in the Second Presbyterian Church in Jersey City, on Tuesday the 5th of July, 1870, at half-past eleven o'clock in the forenoon. The Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, D. D., will call the Presbytery and preside until a permanent organization is effected.

The Presbytery of Newark will meet in the First Presbyterian Church of Newark, on the Evening of the 30th of June, at seven and three-quarters o'clock. The Rev. Dr. Brinsmade to preach the sermon and preside until the election of a permanent Moderator.

The Presbytery of West Jersey will meet in the First Presbyterian Church of Camden, on Tuesday, July 5th,

1870, at ten o'clock, A. M., to be opened with a sermon by the Rev. H. N. Beadle, who will preside until a Moderator is chosen, or in his absence, by the Rev. William Bannard, D. D.

The Presbytery of Morris and Orange will meet in the First Church of Orange, on Wednesday, July 6th, 1870, at eleven o'clock, A. M., to be opened with a sermon by the Rev. John Ford, who will preside until a Moderator be chosen. The Rev. J. M. Ogden, D. D., to be his alternate.

These reports were adopted.

The Rev. R. K. Rodgers was duly elected Treasurer of Synod.

The Synod was addressed by the Rev. Dr. Ellinwood with reference to the effort to raise the Five Million Fund.

Resolved, That the Licentiates and Candidates who were under the care of the late Presbytery of Passaic, be assigned to those Presbyteries within the bounds of which they now reside.

The Rev. Dr. Seibert of the Presbytery of Newark, addressed the Synod on behalf of the German Theological School, under the care of that Presbytery, when the following minute was unanimously adopted:

The Synod expresses satisfaction in the establishment and success of the German Theological Seminary of the Presbytery of Newark, and earnestly commends it to the Churches of this body, as worthy of their generous support, and calling for their active interest.

Resolved, That the Stated Clerk of Synod be directed to enter the names of all Ministers within our bounds, who were formerly belonging to the presbyteries within the bounds of this Synod upon the rolls of the Presbyteries now constituted within which they reside.

Resolved, That hereafter the Presbyteries of this Synod be entered upon the minutes of Synod in alphabetical order.

Resolved, That the thanks of Synod be, and they are hereby tendered to the citizens of Elizabeth for their kind and abundant hospitality with which the members of the Synod have been favored during their Sessions.

A collection amounting to ten dollars and sixty-eight cents was taken up to meet the contingent expenses of the Synod.

Ordered, That the Janitor's bill, amounting to eight dollars, be paid by the Treasurer.

The Synod then adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, Morristown, N. J., on the 3d Tuesday of October, 1870, at three o'clock, P. M.

Concluded with Singing, Prayer and the Benediction.

RAVAUD K. RODGERS, STATED CLERK.

MINUTES.

MORRISTOWN, N. J., October 18th, 1870.

The Synod of New Jersey met, pursuant to adjournment, in the First Presbyterian Church in this City, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and was opened with a sermon from Exodus, the 14th chapter and 15th verse, "Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward," by the Rev. Jonathan F. Stearns, D. D., the Moderator.

After public worship, the Synod was constituted by prayer.

PRESENT.

From the Presbytery of Corisco.

MINISTER.

Rev. CORNELIUS DE HEER.

ELDERS.

NONE.

From the Presbytery of Elizabeth.

MINISTERS.

Rev. LEWIS BOND,

" O. L. KIRTLAND,

" ROBERT STREET,

Rev. WM. SCRIBNER,

" GEORGE C. LUCAS,

" WILLIAM C. ROBERTS, D. D.,

Rev. BENJAMIN CORY,	Rev. GARDINER S. PLUMLEY,
“ JAMES T. ENGLISH,	“ J. G. WILLIAMSON,
“ SAMUEL KELLOGG,	“ JOHN C. BLISS,
“ JOHN C. RANKIN, D. D.,	“ JOHN A. LEGGET,
“ EDWIN H. REINHART,	“ JOHN EWING,
“ EDWARD B. EDGAR,	“ THOMAS CARTER,
“ JOHN F. PINGRY, Ph. D.,	“ CHARLES A. BRIGGS,
Rev. ALEX'R. A. MCCONNELL.	

ELDERS.

Mr. O. E. BOYD,	from . .	Rahway, 1st Church.
“ JOHN COMPTON,	“	Liberty Corner.
“ JONATHAN THOMPSON,	“	Baskingridge.
“ EVERITT PIERSON,	“	Westfield.
“ JAMES P. EDGAR,	“	Woodbridge.
“ EZRA M. HUNT,	“	Metuchen.
“ E. B. FULLER,	“	Westminster.
“ S. E. ARMS,	“	Elizabeth, 1st Church.
“ EZRA LUDLOW,	“	Elizabeth, 2d Church.
“ WESLEY BIRD,	“	Bethlehem.
“ JONATHAN WOODRUFF,	“	Rahway, 2d Church.
“ E. DOSENBERRY,	“	Clinton.
“ J. F. WILLIAMS,	“	Cranford.
“ JACOB POWELSON,	“	Pluckamin.
“ A. D. HOPE,	“	Roselle.
“ JOHN LITTELL,	“	New Providence.
“ PETER HOAGLAND,	“	Plainfield, 1st Church.
“ WILLIAM LITTELL,	“	Summit Centre.
“ W. POWELL,	“	Summit West.

From the Presbytery of Jersey City.

MINISTERS.

Rev. GEORGE BRAYTON,	Rev. P. P. LEAVENS,
“ A. E. CAMPBELL, D. D.,	“ W. H. MEGIE,
“ S. W. DUFFIELD,	“ GEORGE P. NOBLE.
“ JAMES C. EDWARDS,	“ CHARLES A. SMITH, D. D.,
“ JAMES FENNER, D. D.,	“ JACOB WAHRENBERGER,
“ EDWARD W. FRENCH,	“ CHARLES K. IMBRIE, D. D.,

Rev. EDWARD P. GARDINER,	Rev. JAMES V. HENRY,
“ E. W. GOODMAN,	“ E. WALL,
“ ISAIAH B. HOPWOOD,	“ J. C. EGBERT.
“ WM. H. HORNBLOWER, D. D.,	

ELDERS.

Mr. D. M. STIGER,	from	Jersey City, 1st Church.
“ GEORGE B. LANE,	“	Jersey City, 3d Church.
“ CHARLES A. DEWITT,	“	Bergen, 1st Church.
“ WILLIAM A. HARP,	“	Hoboken, 1st Church.
“ H. A. WILLIAMS,	“	Paterson.
“ BENJ. COOLEY,	“	West Milford.
“ E. P. DUNN,	“	Weehawken.

From the Presbytery of Monmouth.

MINISTERS.

Rev. HENRY PERKINS, D. D.,	Rev. J. E. ALEXANDER,
“ SAMUEL MILLER, D. D.,	“ J. W. HUBBARD,
“ ISAAC TODD,	“ SAMUEL HOWE,
“ JAMES PETRIE,	“ B. S. EVERETT,
“ ALFRED H. DASHIEL, JR.,	“ N. P. KETCHAM, D. D.,
“ A. P. COBB,	“ JOSEPH S. VAN DYKE,
“ FRANK CHANDLER,	“ EDWARD B. HODGE,
“ JOSEPH G. SYMMES,	“ JOSEPH GREENLEAF,
“ JESSE B. DAVIS,	“ W. R. S. BETTS,
“ JOHN L. KEHOO,	“ JAMES O. DENNISTON,
“ H. R. HALL,	“ D. F. LOCKERBY.

ELDERS.

Mr. SAMUEL BURTIS,	from	Mount Holly.
“ JULIUS FOSTER,	“	Holmansville.
“ CHARLES S. DAVIS,	“	Toms River.
“ F. H. JONES,	“	Bricksburg.
“ JOSEPH COMBS,	“	Tennent Church.
“ JAMES J. CONOVER,	“	Freehold.
“ JOHN GIBSON,	“	Cranberry, 1st Church.
“ SEARING P. SHANGLE,	“	Hightstown.
“ WM. P. FORESMAN,	“	Monmouth.

Mr. THOMAS W. SCHENCK, . . . from . . .	Dayton.
“ JAMES MOUNT,	“ Jamesburg.
“ HENRY VANATTA,	“ Bordentown.
“ SAMUEL FOWLER,	“ Allentown.
“ R. C. STULTS,	“ Cranberry, 2d Church.
“ WALTER WRIGHT,	“ Columbus.
“ DANIEL B. STRONG,	“ Matawan.

From the Presbytery of Morris & Orange.

MINISTERS.

Rev. JOHN FORD,	Rev. ELDRIDGE MIX,
“ E. R. FAIRCHILD, D. D.,	“ JAMES F. BREWSTER,
“ JOSIAH FISHER,	“ ALFRED YEOMANS,
“ JOHN R. WILLOX,	“ ALBERT ERDMAN,
“ BURTIS C. MEGIE,	“ GEORGE T. Le BOUTILLIER,
“ DANIEL E. MEGIE,	“ WM. H. KIRK,
“ CHARLES A. SMITH, D. D.,	“ J. ALSTYNE BLAUVELT,
“ ROBERT AIKMAN,	“ D. KERR FREEMAN,
“ WILLIAM WOLFF,	“ M. AYERS DEPUE,
“ ELIAS L. BOING,	“ J. WILLIAMS COCHRAN,
“ ELIJAH W. STODDARD,	“ JOHN A. FRENCH,
“ O. H. PERRY DEYO,	“ JAMES A. FERGUSON,
“ NATH'L CONKLIN,	“ D. W. FOX.
“ HENRY F. HICKOK,	

ELDERS.

Mr. H. P. DAY, from . . .	Chatham.
“ D. P. MERCHANT,	“ Mount Freedom.
“ PHILIP P. HOFFMAN,	“ Fairmount.
“ TITUS BERRY,	“ Dover.
“ A. D. GREEN,	“ Boonton.
“ HENRY PIERSON,	“ East Orange.
“ JEREMIAH BAKER,	“ Madison.
“ A. R. RIGGS,	“ Succasunna.
“ SAM'L B. HALSEY,	“ Rockaway.
“ LEVI DRINKWATER,	“ New Vernon.
“ SMITH WILLIAMS,	“ Orange, First.
Dr. HEDGES,	“ Chester.

Mr. L. P. STONE,	from . .	Orange, Central.
" C. G. HAZELTINE,	"	South St., Morristown.
" JOHN OGDEN,	"	Hanover, Second.
" L. M. BYRAM,	"	Mendham, Second.
" JOHN T. HOFFMAN,	"	Pleasant Grove.
" DAVID OLYPHANT,	"	Morristown, First.
" SAM'L WHITE,	"	Flanders.
" ——— KUTCHER,	"	Myersville.
" R. G. CASHEL,	"	Mount Olive.
" W. H. KITCHELL,	"	Whippany.

From the Presbytery of Newark.

MINISTERS.

Rev. ISAAC McILVAINE,	Rev. SAM'L H. HALL, D. D.,
" ROBERT B. CAMPFIELD,	" JOHANN GUENTHER,
" JONATHAN F. STEARNS, D. D.,	" PRENTISS DE VEUVE,
" JOSEPH S. GALLAGHER,	" CHAS. H. THOMPSON, D. D.,
" JAMES P. WILSON, D. D.,	" CHARLES T. HALEY,
" JOSHUA H. McILVAINE, D. D.,	" CHARLES E. KNOX,
" J. FEW SMITH, D. D.,	" WALTER CONDUCT,
" SAM'L HUTCHINS,	" C. T. BERRY.

ELDERS.

Mr. L. HUNTINGTON,	from . .	Wickliffe Church.
" EDWARD NICHOLS,	"	Newark, First.
" IRA M. HARRISON,	"	South Park.
" WILLIAM R. SAYRE,	"	Newark, Second.
" DANIEL PRICE,	"	Newark, Third.
" PHILIP DOREMUS,	"	Montclair.
" RICHARD HALL,	"	Park Church, Newark.
" ABRAHAM CONOVER,	"	Plane Street, Newark.
" JOSEPH FARNSWORTH,	"	Roseville.
" Z. C. CRANE,	"	Caldwell.
" T. B. DODD,	"	Bloomfield.
" HENRY MEEKER,	"	Lyons Farms.
" H. C. BURNET,	"	Calvary Church.
" ISAAC OGDEN,	"	Newark, Sixth.

From the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

MINISTERS.

Rev. R. K. RODGERS, D. D.,	Rev. P. A. STUDDIFORD,
“ JOHN MACLEAN, D. D.,	“ A. L. ARMSTRONG,
“ THOS. L. JANEWAY, D. D.,	“ A. D. L. JEWETT,
“ J. M. MACDONALD, D. D.,	“ S. M. STUDDIFORD,
“ HUGH HAMILL, D. D.,	“ N. L. UPHAM,
“ J. M. ROGERS,	“ S. M. HAMILL, D. D.,
“ JAMES STEBBINS,	“ GEORGE SHELDON, D. D.,
“ R. H. RICHARDSON, D. D.,	“ SAMUEL HARRISON,
“ ABRAHAM GOSMAN, D. D.,	“ JOHN BURROWS,
“ GEORGE S. MOTT,	“ J. D. RANDOLPH,
“ R. CRUKSHANKS, D. D.,	“ WILLIAM SWAN,
“ JOHN D. HEWITT,	“ DANIEL R. FOSTER.

ELDERS.

Mr. L. V. D. SHEPHERD,	from	Bound Brook.
“ J. D. VAN DOREN,	“	First, Princeton.
“ GEORGE H. BURROUGHS,	“	Second, Princeton.
“ HENRY W. GREEN,	“	First, Trenton.
“ JOSEPH G. BREARLEY,	“	Third, Trenton.
“ A. A. HUTCHINSON,	“	Fourth, Trenton.
“ WM. RUST,	“	First, New Brunswick.
“ A. S. MYRICK,	“	Kingston.
“ PETER DAVIS,	“	Lawrence.
“ ISAAC J. SNEDIKER,	“	Dutch Neck.
“ JOHN SMITH,	“	Lambertville.
“ G. F. FISHER,	“	Amwell United, 1st.
“ JOHN T. BIRD,	“	Flemington.
“ MORRIS WOLVERTON,	“	Stockton.
“ H. B. WARFORD,	“	French Town.
“ GEORGE CARPENTER,	“	Milford.
“ S. B. PICKEL,	“	Holland.

From the Presbytery of Newton.

MINISTERS.

Rev. SYLVESTER COOKE,	Rev. JOHN B. KUGLER,
“ THANIEL B. CONDIT,	“ PERES B. BONNEY,
“ A. H. HAND, D. D.,	“ JOSEPH H. THYNE,

Rev. DAVID TULLY,	Rev. WM. C. STITT,
“ ANDREW TULLY,	“ A. M. JELLY,
“ EPHRAIM SIMANTON,	“ THOMAS A. SANSON,
“ MYRON BARRET,	“ HENRY B. TOWNSEND,
“ THOS. McCAULEY,	“ JOSEPH H. DOREMUS.
“ HENRY E. SPAYD,	“ WM. LAURIE,
“ T. L. BYINGTON,	“ FRANK E. MILLER.
“ A. A. HAYNES,	

ELDERS.

Mr. W. W. TITSWORTH,.....	from.. Wantage, First Church.
“ WM. H. HAMLIN,.....	“ Greenwich.
“ BENJAMIN KOUSE,.....	“ Wantage, Second Church.
“ SAM'L SHERRED,.....	“ Belvidere, First.
“ JOHN WHITE,	“ Hackettstown.
“ GEORGE BRAKELY,.....	“ Harmony.
“ D. R. HULL,	“ Newton.
“ SAM'L O. PRICE,.....	“ Hardiston.
“ PAUL MERLETT,.....	“ Musconetcong Valley.
“ W. I. SMITH,.....	“ Bloomsburg.
“ NATHAN S. ROE,	“ Branchville.
“ A. W. COOKE,.....	“ Marksboro'.
“ WM. P. VAIL,.....	“ Yellow Frame.
“ J. D. CREVELING,.....	“ Mansfield, First.
“ CHARLES E. VAIL,	“ Blairstown.
“ J. L. TEEL,.....	“ Knowlton.
“ ANDREW P. KINNEY,....	“ Stewartsville.
“ WM. FLEET,.....	“ Asbury.
“ J. M. HALL,.....	“ Belvidere, Second.
“ ZOPHAR HALSEY,.....	“ Sparta.

From the Presbytery of West Jersey.

MINISTERS.

Rev. V. D. REED, D. D.,	Rev. EDWARD P. SHIELDS,
“ J. O. WELLS,	“ F. R. BRACE,
“ CASPAR R. GREGORY,	“ NATH'L McCONAUGHY.
“ SAM'L W. PRATT,	

ELDERS.

Mr. JAMES E. MARSHALL,	from . . .	Blackwoodtown.
“ NATHANIEL FISH,	“	First, Bridgeton.
“ JOHN S. CHAMBERS,	“	First, Camden.
“ S. PHENIX,	“	Vineland.

The roll having been called, the Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, D. D., of the Presbytery of Jersey City was chosen Moderator, and the Rev. Messrs. Burtis C. Megie and Jesse B. Davis were chosen Clerks.

The Committee of arrangements made the following report which was adopted :

1. That a meeting in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions be held in this Church this evening.

2. That the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be administered in this Church on Wednesday, at half-past two o'clock, P. M.

3. That a General Meeting for presenting the claims of the other Boards of the Church and kindred subjects, be held on Wednesday evening, in this Church, at half-past seven o'clock,—and that the Narrative of the state of religion be read at that meeting.

The Committee recommend also, that the exercises of the Synod begin at nine o'clock, A. M.,—with a Prayer Meeting of half an hour in length—that a recess be taken at half-past twelve o'clock, to meet at half-past two o'clock, P. M.,—and at half-past five o'clock, to meet at half-past seven o'clock.

They also respectfully recommend that for the better transaction of business, and convenience of those who entertain the Synod, that its Sessions open and close punctually at the hours specified.

Synod then took a recess until half-past seven o'clock.

At the close of the recess, Synod convened and attended upon religious exercises, in connection more especially with the subject of Foreign Missions, in accordance with the recommendation of the committee of arrangements.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NINE O'CLOCK,
October 19th.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment and was opened with prayer.

Present as before, together with the Rev. James Harkness, from the Presbytery of Jersey City, the Rev. S. S. Sheddan, D. D., Rev. A. Peck and the Rev. E. G. Reed, of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, with Mr. Isaac Voorhees, Ruling Elder from the Church of Lamington, Mr. Benjamin Ogden, Ruling Elder from the 3d Church of Elizabeth, and Mr. John Craue, Ruling Elder from the Church of Connecticut Farms, of the same Presbytery, the Rev. R. Taylor, D. D., of the Presbytery of Monmouth, Mr. Sam'l Fowler, Ruling Elder from the Church of Allentown, of the same Presbytery, the Rev. Messrs. Ogden, Moore and Feagles, of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, with Mr. Joseph Kitchell, Ruling Elder of the Church of Hanover First of the same Presbytery, the Rev. Messrs. De Veuve, Finley, Pollock, Craven, Crane and Eddy, of the Presbytery of Newark, the Rev. Charles Hodge, D. D., and the Rev. Messrs. J. B. Kennedy, J. D. Osler, and R. S. Manning, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick, the Rev. P. H. Brooks, from the Presbytery of Newton, with Mr. Wm. N. Iliff, Ruling Elder from the Church of Andover of the same Presbytery, the Rev. Messrs. Bannard,

McNair, Burt and McMullin, of the Presbytery of West Jersey, with Mr. E. S. Bateman, Ruling Elder from the 2d Church, Cedarville, and Mr. Enoch Mahew, Ruling Elder from the Church of Pittsgrove, of the same Presbytery.

Satisfactory reasons were assigned for the absence from this meeting of the Synod of the Rev. Drs. Mann, Nassau, and the Rev. Mr. Finney, of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, the Rev. Dr. Ellinwood, of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, the Rev. Mr. Booth, of the Presbytery of Jersey City, and the Rev. Mr. Wells of the Presbytery of Monmouth.

The Rev. Wm. R. Glen of the Synod of Illinois, the Rev. B. P. Johnson of the Synod of Albany, and the Rev. W. W. Anderson of the Synod of Ohio, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Minutes of the last Session of Synod, together with the Minutes of the Special Meeting of Synod at Elizabeth, in June last, were read.

Resolved, That Clerks of Presbyteries in making up their rolls follow the instructions of the General Assembly and enroll the names of all Ministers who were permanent residents within their bounds at the time of the reconstruction of the Presbyteries in June last.

The Rev. J. E. Alexander addressed the Synod in relation to the condition and claims of the Van Rensselaer Institute at Hightstown, N. J.

The Rev. M. E. Ellison, D. D., of the Newark Conference of the M. E. Church, being present was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Resolutions in relation to the subject of Temperance were presented and adopted, and are as follows :

Resolved 1. That we regard Intemperance as a great social and moral evil, and a great curse upon society.

2. That it is an urgent duty of every Christian and every lover of morality and social order, to use all his influence for the suppression of this evil.

3. That we regard a law authorizing the several cities, townships and boroughs of our State to express by vote whether they will or will not allow the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage within their bounds, as one eminently just and proper and well calculated for the suppression of the evil of intemperance. And we urge the members of our Churches prayerfully to consider their duty in this matter.

4. That a statute for the suppression of the sale of adulterated and poisonous liquors would be eminently useful, and would meet the approbation of good citizens, and that the Synod encourage the members of our congregations to unite with Christian people in attempting to secure the passage by the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, of such a statute.

The Rev. Drs. Stearns and Roberts, and the Rev. Messrs. Hickok, P. A. Studdiford and Gregory, Ministers, and Messrs. Hope, Shangle, Hoffman and Harrison, Elders, were appointed a Committee on Bills and Overtures, to meet at the call of the chairman.

The Rev. Drs. Reed and Sheddan, and the Rev. Messrs. Aikman and Knox, Ministers, and Messrs. Williams, Littell, Burtis and Stone, Elders, were appointed a Judicial Committee, to meet at the call of the chairman.

Messrs. Rust and Price, Elders, were appointed a Committee to examine the Treasurer's account, and to make an assessment upon the Presbyteries to meet the contingent expenses of the Synod.

The Rev. Drs. Fairchild and Miller were appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly.

Rev. Messrs. English, Bonney and Duffield, were appointed a Committee on leave of absence.

The Rev. Drs. J. Few Smith and Hornblower were appointed a Committee to draft the Narrative of the state of religion for the next year.

The following Committees were appointed to examine the Presbyterian Records.

The Rev. Messrs. Street and Dashiell, Ministers, and Mr. Compton, Elder, to examine those of Corisco.

The Rev. Messrs. French and De Heer, Ministers, and Mr. White, Elder, those of Elizabeth.

The Rev. Messrs. Todd and Dr. McIlvaine, Ministers, and Mr. H. Pierson, Elder, those of Jersey City.

The Rev. Messrs. De Veuve and H. Hamill, Ministers, and Mr. Dunn, Elder, those of Newton.

The Rev. Messrs. J. V. Henry and Barret, Ministers, and Mr. G. B. Lane, Elder, those of West Jersey.

The Rev. Messrs. S. M. Hall and J. M. Rogers, Ministers, and D. M. Stiger, Elder, those of Monmouth.

The Rev. Messrs. Hopwood and Pratt, Ministers, and Mr. Stults, Elder, those of Morris and Orange.

The Rev. Dr. Janeway and Rev. T. B. Condit, Ministers, and Mr. Byram, Elder, those of Newark.

The Rev. Dr. Hand and Mr. Haley, Ministers, and Mr. Baker, Elder, those of New Brunswick.

The Committee on Devotional Exercises made report in relation to the order of service in the administration of the Lord's Supper, which report was adopted, and is as follows :

That the Rev. Mr. Dashiell give out a Hymn and read the Scriptures.

That the opening address be made by the Rev. Dr. Hodge.

That the Rev. Dr. Wilson administer the Bread.

That the Rev. Dr. Miller administer the Cup, and that the following Elders distribute the elements:—Messrs. Davis, Foresman, Stone, Baker, Fuller and Chambers.

Synod then took a recess until half-past 2 o'clock, P. M.

At the close of the recess, Synod convened, and attended upon the administration of the Lord's Supper, as previously ordered, after which Synod resumed business.

The Chairman of the Committee on Bills and Overtures reported the request of the Rev. S. D. Clark to be allowed to address the Synod in relation to Highland College, Kansas.—Whereupon it was *Resolved*, That the request of the Rev. Mr. Clark be granted.

The Rev. Dr. Dickson, Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Domestic Missions, being present, by invitation addressed the Synod with reference to the condition and claims upon the Churches of that Board.

The Committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's account, reported that they had attended to the duty assigned them—that they found the accounts correct, as compared with the vouchers accompanying them, and that there is a balance due the Treasurer of six dollars and sixty-four cents.

Having also been appointed to make an assessment upon the Presbyteries to meet the contingent expenses of the Synod, they report that \$175 will be needed, and recommend that the Presbyteries be assessed as follows:

Jersey City,	-	-	-	\$17 00
Elizabeth,	-	-	-	21 00
Monmouth,	-	-	-	17 00
Morris & Orange,	-	-	-	17 00
Newark,	-	-	-	30 00
New Brunswick,	-	-	-	36 00
Newton,	-	-	-	20 00
West Jersey,	-	-	-	17 00

\$175 00.

Corisco—no charge. The report was adopted.

The Committee on Devotional exercises reported with reference to the services of this evening.

That the Moderator preside, state the object of the meeting, give out a hymn and offer prayer.

That the Narrative of the state of religion drawn up by the Rev. Joseph G. Symmes be read.

That the Rev. E. W. French be heard on behalf of the Board of Publication.

That the Rev. Dr. Stearns be heard on behalf of the Board of Domestic Missions.

That the Rev. Dr. Roberts be heard on behalf of the Committee on the Freedmen.

That the Rev. Dr. Craven be heard on behalf of Church Erection and Extension.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. S. D. Clark was then heard in behalf of Highland College, Kansas; whereupon it was *Resolved*, That the Synod of New Jersey have heard with sincere interest the statements of the Rev. S. D. Clark with reference to the Highland University, Kansas, and regard this Institution as having relations of the highest importance to the great region of which it is the centre. We concur with the Chairman and Secretary of the Memorial Fund Committee, in regarding this object as coming clearly within the design of the Five Million Fund, and cordially commend the Institution and its agent to the benevolence of the Churches.

Rev. George Hale, D. D., of the Presbytery of New Brunswick appeared in Synod and took his seat.

The Rev. Dr. Hale as Secretary of the Disabled Ministers Fund, addressed the Synod on behalf of that Fund.

Synod then took a recess until half-past seven o'clock, P. M.

At the close of the recess, Synod convened, and attended upon the exercises of the evening, agreeably to the recommendation of the Committee.

Resolved, That it be the order of the day for to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, to hear the report of the Committee on the Memorial Fund.

Synod then adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

THURSDAY MORNING, October 20th,
Nine o'clock.

Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and was opened with prayer.

Synod then spent half an hour in Devotional exercises.

The minutes of yesterday's Sessions of Synod were read.

The Rev. Lyman H. Atwater, D. D., the Rev. John T. Duffield, D. D., and the Rev. Wm. Henry Green, D. D., of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, with Mr. S. Cooley, Ruling Elder from the Church of Ewing of the same Presbytery, the Rev. A. C. Frissell, of the Presbytery of Newark, and Mr. John P. Moore, Ruling Elder from the Church of Salem, of the Presbytery of West Jersey, appeared in Synod and took their seats.

The bill of the Convener of the Synod at Elizabeth, in June last, (Rev. Dr. Reed,) amounting to six dollars and sixteen cents, was ordered to be paid by the Treasurer.

The Committee appointed at the Special meeting of Synod in June last, to consider the best means of bringing into communication unemployed Ministers and vacant Churches, presented a report which having been accepted, was placed upon the docket.

The Committee on Benevolent Contributions presented a report, which was accepted and placed upon the docket.

The Judicial Committee presented Judicial Case No. 1, which was the appeal of Mr. Hampton Woodruff, Ruling Elder in the First Church of Hoboken, from the decision of the Presbytery of Jersey City, in sustaining the action of the Session of the First Church of Hoboken, suspending him from the Communion, and deposing him from the Eldership of said Church. The Committee reported that the papers in the case were in order, and recommended that the case be referred to a Commission of fourteen members—one Minister and one Elder from each Presbytery, except those connected with the case, to hear and issue the case and report to Synod. The recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

The order of the day, which was the report of the Committee on the Memorial Fund was taken up—a verbal report was made by one of the Committee, when the subject was referred to a Committee consisting of Mr. J. Baker and Drs. Macdonald and Hornblower.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported overture No. 1, from the Presbytery of Corisco, asking whether an ordained Minister can occupy the position as a ruling Elder in the Church? The Committee recommend that for the present the matter be left to the Presbytery. The report of the Committee was accepted, and the subject was placed upon the docket.

The same Committee reported Overture No. 2,—a communication from the Board of Education, suggesting the appointment of a Standing Committee to supervise and harmonize the action of the Presbyteries, and secure in each the fulfillment of the purposes of the General Assembly. The committee recommend the appointment of such a committee.

The report was accepted, and the subject was placed upon the docket.

The Rev. Dr. Reed from the Judicial Committee, stated to the Synod, that the parties in the case of the appeal of Mr. H. Woodruff had agreed to the trial of the case by a Commission, whereupon the following Commission was appointed:

From the Presbytery of Elizabeth:

Rev. Dr. Sheddan, Minister, Mr. A. D. Hope, Elder.

From the Presbytery of Monmouth:

Rev. Mr. Symmes, Minister, Mr. Burtis, Elder.

From the Presbytery of Morris & Orange:

Rev. Mr. Stoddard, Minister, Mr. Olyphant, Elder.

From the Presbytery of Newark:

Rev. Dr. J. Few Smith, Minister, Mr. Doremus, Elder.

From the Presbytery of New Brunswick:

Rev. Dr. Gosman, Minister, Mr. Rust, Elder.

From the Presbytery of Newton:

Rev. Dr. Hand, Minister, Mr. Sherred, Elder.

From the Presbytery of West Jersey:

Rev. Dr. Reed, Minister, Mr. Fish, Elder.

Dr. Reed to act as Chairman of the Commission.

The Commission had leave to retire and to sit during the Sessions of the Synod.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported overture No. 4, in relation to the Lincoln University, recommending the Institution to the confidence and support of the Churches of this Synod.

The report was adopted.

The same Committee reported overture No. 3, being a communication from the Assembly's Committee on the Memorial Fund. The communication was read—when it was

Resolved, That the Synod most earnestly recommend that each Presbytery within our bounds hold at the earliest convenient period, one, two or more Conventions at central places for the purpose of stimulating a healthy popular enthusiasm in the Churches, and to render the various Memorial objects definite in the minds of Ministers, Elders and Members.

Resolved, That each Church engaged in Memorial work be urged to couple with it some object of a general nature, in order that the waste places may receive assistance in the same or kindred efforts, and that it be impressed upon the Churches that this Memorial work, however efficiently prosecuted, need not interfere with liberal contributions for the regular work of the Church.

Statements were made by Stated Clerks and other members of Presbyteries in relation to what had been done in their respective Presbyteries for the Memorial Fund.

The Rev. Mr. Boing by invitation addressed the Synod in behalf of Maryville College, in the State of Tennessee.

The Rev. Mr. Noble by invitation addressed the Synod on behalf of the cause of the Freedmen.

The Rev. P. Boughton, of the Presbytery of Elizabeth, appeared in Synod and took his seat.

Resolved, That the salary of the Stated Clerk be raised to one hundred and fifty dollars, and that fifty dollars be added to the present salary for services rendered at the Special Meeting of the Synod in June, and that for the purpose of raising the additional sum of fifty dollars the Presbyteries be assessed as follows :

Elizabeth, Jersey City, Monmouth, Morris and Orange, Newton and West Jersey each, five dollars, and that the Presbyteries of Newark and New Brunswick, be each assessed ten dollars.

Synod then took a recess until half-past 2 o'clock, P. M. At the close of the recess, Synod met and resumed business.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly, made the following report, which was adopted.

The Committee appointed to examine the Minutes of the General Assembly, beg leave to call the attention of Synod to the following points:

1. The recommendation that the several Synods forward to the Presbyterian Historical Society, "a copy of all the published records of their proceedings," see page 19, No. 3. We recommend that the Stated Clerk of Synod be directed to forward a copy as aforesaid.

2. Synods are directed to inquire of their Presbyteries as to the action of the latter respecting Congregations delinquent as to contributions to the Committee of Home Missions.—Page 48, No. 6.

3. The instruction that Synods, at their fall Meetings, inquire carefully of each Pastor and Elder whether the subscription to the Five Million Memorial Fund has been presented to the individuals of all our Congregations, and in cases of failure take such measures as may best secure the result. Page 75, No. 5.

We have no recommendation to make on this subject.

4. We call the attention of the Synod to the resolution of the Assembly, that hereafter Bills and Overtures shall be sent up to the latter from Presbyteries and Synods only. Page 90.

5. We suggest that the Stated Clerk be asked, whether he has complied with the requisition of the General Assembly, that he shall forward to the Stated Clerk of the latter, a certified copy of our act of Synodical reconstruction. Page 97, No. 2.

The Statistical Reports of the Presbyteries composing this Synod, were then read and are as follows :

The Presbytery of Corisco report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of five Ministers and have under their care two Churches and one Candidate.

They also report that a Native brother Mr. Ibyia, was ordained to the work of the Ministry, on the 5th of April, 1870. This was the first native ordination in our Presbytery, or any where South, (on this Coast,) of Lagas and Bishop Crowther. Our Churches regularly contribute at Monthly Concerts and to *all* the stated objects of the Assembly's Minutes. Three of our number, Rev. Walter H. Clark, Rev. John Menaul and Rev. Cornelius De Heer are at present in America.

R. H. NASSAU, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of Elizabeth report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 40 Ministers, and have under their care 29 Churches, 7 Licentiates and 5 Candidates :

The Presbytery further report that on the 15th of December, 1869, the Rev. J. T. Jarvis was received by the Presbytery of Elizabeth Town from the "Madison District Convention of Presbyterian and Congregational Churches." That on the 19th of January, 1870, they installed the Rev. Aaron Peck, Pastor of the Church of Perth Amboy. That on the 19th of April, they received under their care Thomas Chalmers Murray as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry, and on the same day dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. L. H. Van Doren and the Church at New Vernon, and received the Rev. William Hall from the Presbytery of Buffalo City. That on the 5th of May, they ordained Mr. George W. Sheldon,

a Licentiate under their care to the work of the Gospel Ministry, as an Evangelist. That on the 22d of June, the Presbytery of Elizabeth was constituted and defined by the Synod of N. J., so as to include all the Ministers and Churches within the Counties of Union and Somerset, except the Pastors and Churches of Kingston and Bound Brook, and also all the Churches in the County of Hunterdon not included in the Presbyteries of Newton and New Brunswick. That on the same day the Presbytery of Elizabeth as thus constituted and defined, met by the order of Synod, in the Westminster Church of Elizabeth, and having fully organized, they received the Rev. Charles Milne from the Presbytery of Steuben, and took under their care Mr. Charles A. Briggs, a Licentiate from the Presbytery of New York, and on the 30th of the same month, ordained Mr. Briggs to the work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed him Pastor of the Church of Roselle. That on the 1st of August, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Wm. L. Moore and the Church of New Providence. That on the 5th of September, they organized the Presbyterian Church of Dunellen. That on the 4th of October, they received the Rev. Thomas T. Bradford from the Presbytery of Erie, and on the following day dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. John H. Jackson and the Siloam Church of Elizabeth, and dismissed Mr. Jackson to the Presbytery of Baltimore. That on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Henry L. Teller and the 1st Church of Plainfield, and dismissed Mr. Teller to join the Presbytery of Albany. That on the same day they gave permission to the Rev. J. H. Clark to return the Call now in his hands from the Church of Clarksville, and dismissed Mr. Clark to join the Presbytery of West Jersey. Pres-

bytery further report the Churches under their care have, with scarcely an exception, contributed to all the objects required by the General Assembly.

By order of Presbytery,
JAMES T. ENGLISH, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of Jersey City report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 30 Ministers, and have under their care 19 Churches, and 2 Candidates :

They further report that on the 4th of October, 1870, they received the Rev. Lawrence Mercereau, from the Otsego Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD W. FRENCH, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of Monmouth report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 36 Ministers, and have under their care 34 Churches and 1 Candidate :

Presbytery further report that the Rev. D. V. McLean D. D. was removed by death, Nov. 23, 1869. That the Rev. Benjamin S. Everett was received, January 4th, 1870, from the Presbytery of Newark, and installed Pastor of the Jamesburg Church. That the Rev. J. R. Hamilton was received June 7th, from the Presbytery of New Castle and installed Pastor of the Red Bank Church. And the Presbytery further report the following changes in the Presbytery of Burlington, previous to the Meeting of Synod in June, 1870. The Rev. S. R. Anderson was received October 20th, 1869, from the 2d Presbytery of Philadelphia—and that Mr. J. B. Howell was licensed to preach the Gospel on the 13th of April, 1870. They also

report that the Rev. Rufus Taylor, D. D., was received on the 19th of October, from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

By order of Presbytery,
WILLIAM M. WELLS, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of Morris and Orange report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 35 Ministers, and have under their care 30 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 1 Candidate :

They further report that on the 13th of September, 1870, they installed the Rev. D. Kerr Freeman, Pastor of the 2d Church of Mendham. That on the same day they dismissed the Rev. Wm. Bradley and the Rev. L. H. Van Doren, the former to connect himself with the Presbytery of Washington City and the latter with the Classis of Passaic—and that on the same day they received the Rev. Nathaniel Conklin from the Classis of Passaic. And the Presbytery as the legal successor of the late Presbytery of Passaic, reports that on the 24th of October, 1869, the Rev. Albert J. Winterick was installed Pastor of the Church at Carlstadt. That on the 3d of November, 1869, the Rev. Robert S. Feagles was installed Pastor of the Church of Mount Olive. That on the 17th of March, 1870, the Rev. Paul E. Stevenson departed this life. That on the 20th of April, Mr. Albert C. Fuller was licensed to preach the Gospel. That on the 15th of June, the Rev. Dan. W. Fox was received from “the Royalston Association of Congregational Ministers,” and that on the same day he was installed Pastor of the Church of Flanders, and on the same day the pastoral relation be-

tween the Rev. Robert S. Feagles and the Church of Mount Olive was dissolved, and that on the 21st of June, the Rev. Edward M. Weiss was deposed from the Gospel Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
B. C. MEGIE, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of Newark report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of 41 Ministers, and have under their care 22 Churches, 5 Licentiates and 18 Candidates :

They further report that on the 21st of October, 1869, they dismissed the Rev. Sanford H. Smith, to join the Presbytery of Buffalo. That on the 25th of October, they dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. James M. Dickson and the 6th Church of Newark, and dismissed Mr. Dickson to join the Presbytery of Hudson—and that on the same day they took under their care, Mr. Daniel A. Grummond as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry. That on the 22d day of December, they licensed Mr. Ira S. Dodd to preach the Gospel. That on the 7th of January, 1870, the Westminster Church of Bloomfield was duly organized, and on the same day the Rev. B. S. Everitt was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Monmouth. That in the month of April, 1870, they received the Rev. J. W. Cochran from the Presbytery of Connecticut, and the Rev. E. L. Boing from the Presbytery of Genesee Valley. Licensed Messrs. Daniel A. Grummond and Wm. B. Carey to preach the Gospel, and received under their care Mr. Lewis F. Stearns as a Candidate for the Ministry, and changed the name of the West Bloomfield Church to Montclair. That on the 27th of April, they licensed Mr. M. F. Hollister to preach the Gospel. That on the 11th of May, they ordained Mr. Ira S. Dodd a Licentiate under

their care, to the work of the Ministry as an Evangelist. That on the 13th of May, they licensed Mr. Arthur H. Smith to preach the Gospel. That on the 3d of June, they ordained Mr. M. F. Hollister, a Licentiate under their care to the work of the Ministry, and installed him Pastor of the 6th Church of Newark. That on the 14th of June, they received the Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D. D., from the Classis of Poughkeepsie of the Reformed Dutch Church, and installed him Pastor of the Church of Montclair. That on the 15th of June, they installed the Rev. J. W. Cochran Pastor of the Mendham First Church.

They further report that the Presbytery met by order of the Synod on the 30th of June, and reorganized—and that on the 7th of July the Rev. J. H. McIlvaine, D. D., was installed the Pastor of the High Street Church, Newark. That on the 5th of September, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. G. Neff, to the 2d German Church of Newark, and dismissed Mr. Neff to join the Philadelphia Classis of the German Reformed Church. That on the 30th of September, they installed the Rev. Duncan Kennedy, D. D., Pastor of the Westminster Church, Bloomfield. That on the 11th of October, they took under their care, Mr. John E. Peters as a Candidate for the Gospel Ministry, and revoked the license of Mr. Walter S. Nichols at his own request, failure of health leading him to give up the Ministry for secular business. And that on the same day they received under their care as Candidates for the Ministry, the following persons, members of the German Theological School, Newark, Fred. Haule, Gustavus Lewis Erb, Julius Wolff, Augustus Stange, Fred. Bauman, Herman Hager, William Nordt, and Fred. E. Voglin.

All of which is respectfully submitted,
PRENTISS DEVEUVE, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 55 Ministers, and have under their care 29 Churches, 17 Licentiates and 25 Candidates :

The Presbytery further report that on the 16th of October 1869, they organized a Church at Dayton. That on the 20th of October, they received the Rev. Jesse B. Davis, from the 2d Presbytery of Philadelphia, and that on the 10th of November they installed him Pastor of the Hightstown Church. That on the 20th of October, they received Joseph D. Wilson and John S. Glendenning under their care as Candidates for the Ministry. That on the 17th of December, they dismissed Samuel D. McConnell, a Candidate to the care of the Presbytery of Alleghany City. That on the 1st of February, 1870, they dismissed the Rev. Charles A. Aiken, D. D., to join the Presbytery of Albany; and the year of Probation of the Rev. Daniel W. Cameron, a foreign Minister having expired, he was received as a member in regular standing, and on the same day was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Missouri River. That on the same day they received under their care as Candidates for the Ministry, George Barragh, Austin F. Carr, Joseph A. Armand, Isaac S. Simpson, Albert Whiting, Andrew Dowsley, Cobert M. Des Islets, Herman Bergner, Albert C. Titus, Henry Neill, Jr., William H. Park. That on the 2d of February, they licensed James Lafferty, George L. McKay, James J. Lucas, Robert W. Clelland, Albert W. Hubbard, John Austin and Robert P. Shaw to preach the Gospel. That on the 12th of April, they received Joseph E. Potter under their care as a Candidate for the Ministry, and dismissed the following Licentiates to put themselves under the care of the Presbyteries named :

R. W. Clelland,	to the	Presbytery of	Louisville.
James J. Lucas,	“	“	“ Transylvania.
James Lafferty,	“	“	“ Upper Missouri.
R. Chambers,	“	“	“ London, Canada.
John A. McDonald	“	“	“ “ “
George L. McKay,	“	“	“ Toronto, “
John Austin,	“	“	“ “ “

That on the 13th of April, they received William H. Clark from the Presbytery of St. Clairsville, as a Candidate for the Ministry—and licensed John Maclean, Jr., J. Howard O'Brien, George G. Collins, David H. Smith, and Joseph D. Wilson to preach the Gospel. That on the 22d of April, they dismissed the Rev. J. H. McIlvaine, D. D., to join the Presbytery of Newark—and licensed Jacob V. Hughes, George A. Seeley, Samuel M. Hageman, J. Henderson Miller, David L. Murray, Robert H. Craig, John G. Smart, and D. Gordon McKay to preach the Gospel—and on the same day ordained Albert W. Hubbard, George A. Seeley and Jacob V. Hughes to the work of the Gospel Ministry as Evangelists, to labor in the Foreign Field. That on the 3d of May, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. William A. Jenks to the Church at Titusville, and dismissed him to join the 2d Presbytery of Philadelphia. That on the 22d of June, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Wm. E. Westervelt to the Church at South Amboy, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of North River, and on the same day received the Rev. Joseph W. Hubbard from the Presbytery of Genesee. That on the 23d of August, they dismissed Wilbur F. Worrell a Licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Chicago. That on the 24th of September, they dismissed Robert P. Shaw a Licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presby-

tery of Westminster. That on the 27th of July, John Maclean, Jr., a Licentiate under the care of this Presbytery, departed this life. That on the 4th of October, they dismissed the Rev. Rufus Taylor, D. D., to join the Presbytery of Monmouth—and on the 5th of October received Andrew Chambers, and Homer J. Wright under their care as Candidates for the Ministry, and J. F. McCurdy from the Presbytery of St. Johns New Brunswick, as a Candidate, and on the same day revoked the license of David L. Murray.

As the successors of the Presbytery of Raritan, they report that on the 5th of October, 1869, the Rev. James W. Van Dyke was dismissed to join the Presbytery of Siam. That on the same day, the Rev. John Ewing was received from the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia, and that on the 28th of the same month, he was installed Pastor of the Church at Clinton. That on the 20th of October, the Rev. H. B. Scott was received from the Presbytery of New Castle, and that on the 25th of November, he was installed Pastor of the Church of Bloomsbury. That on the 12th of April, 1870, they received under their care Mr. J. D. Hewitt, a Licentiate of the Presbytery of Susquehanna, and on the same day ordained him to the work of the Gospel Ministry and installed him Pastor of the Kirkpatrick Memorial Church, and that on the 13th of April, the Rev. J. H. Clark was received from the Presbytery of Newton.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. L. ARMSTRONG, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of Newton report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 32 Ministers, and have under their care 33 Churches, 1 Licentiate and 6 Candidates :

The Presbytery further report that on the 20th of October, 1869, they received the Rev. Wm. H. Dinsmore from the Presbytery of Luzerne—dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. James H. Clark to the Pleasant Grove Church, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Raritan, and on the same day received under their care as a Candidate for the Ministry, Mr. Elbert N. Condit. That on the 3d of November, they installed the Rev. William H. Dinsmore, Pastor of the Church of Stroudsburg. That on the 29th of November, they organized the Church of Montana. That on the 13th of April, 1870, they received the Rev. M. Ayres Depue from the Presbytery of Londonderry. That on the 14th of April, they received under their care Mr. David Conway, a Licentiate from the Presbytery of New York, and on the same day dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Edward D. Bryan to the 1st Mansfield Church. That on the 12th of May, they installed the Rev. M. Ayers Depue Pastor of the Pleasant Grove Church—and that on the 14th of June, they organized the Church of Bangor, at Bangor, Pa. They also report that on the 5th of October, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Sylvester Cook to the Church of First Wantage, to take effect on the first Sabbath of April, 1871. That on the same day, they received the Rev. Henry E. Spayd from the Presbytery of Donegal, the Rev. A. M. Jelley from the Presbytery of Philadelphia Central, and the Rev. Arthur H. Somes from the Brookfield Congregational Association of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

E. CLARK CLINE, STATED CLERK.

The Presbytery of West Jersey report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of 34 Ministers, and

have under their care 36 Churches and 4 Candidates. The Presbytery further report that on the 18th of October, 1869, the former Presbytery of West Jersey installed the Rev. Chester Bridgman Pastor of the Church of Williamstown. That on the 14th of December, they dismissed the Rev. Solomon McElroy to join the Presbytery of Northumberland. That on the 15th of February, 1870, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. John S. Stewart to the Church of Greenwich, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Susquehanna. That on the 20th of April, they dismissed Mr. Samuel S. Wallen, a Licentiate, to put himself under the care of the Presbytery of Huntington. That on the same day they received under their care Mr. Leonidas E. Coyle, a Licentiate from the Presbytery of Potomac, and on the 28th of April, ordained him to the work of the Gospel Ministry, and installed him Pastor of the West Church of Bridgeton. That on the same day they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. Theodore A. Legget to the Church of Cape Island, and dismissed him to join the 4th Presbytery of New York. That on the 18th of June, they dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. William E. Jones to the First Church of Cedarville, and dismissed him to join the Presbytery of Genesee River. That on the 5th of July, the Presbytery of West Jersey was reconstructed in accordance with the orders of the Synod of New Jersey, and that in pursuance of the same, and of the orders of the General Assembly, the names of the following Ministers were placed upon the roll, viz :

Rev. L. HALSEY, D. D.,
 " M. WILLIAMSON,
 " J. L. SCOTT,
 " R. OSBORN,
 " J. D. WELLS,

Rev. F. D. HARRIS,
 " A. WORTHINGTON,
 " V. D. REED, D. D.,
 " G. W. COTTRELL,
 " J. McMURRAY,

Rev. A. H. BROWN,	Rev. T. W. CATTELL,
“ W. BANNARD, D. D.,	“ C. R. GREGORY,
“ U. W. CONDIT,	“ H. REEVES,
“ S. H. THOMPSON,	“ R. H. REEVES,
“ E. D. NEWBERRY,	“ E. P. SHIELDS,
“ C. BRIDGMAN,	“ L. C. BAKER,
“ R. J. BURTT,	“ N. MCCONAUGHY.
“ R. H. DAVIS,	“ F. R. BRACE,
“ A. PROUDFIT,	“ S. W. PRATT,
“ C. T. McMULLIN,	“ H. H. BEADLE,
“ J. C. SCOTT,	“ L. C. COYLE.

And also the names of the following Churches :—

Fairfield,	Cold Spring,	Greenwich,
Woodbury,	Deerfield,	Pittsgrove,
Blackwoodtown,	First Bridgeton,	Millville,
Salem,	Second Bridgeton,	First Cedarville,
Second Cedarville,	Williamstown,	May's Landing,
First Camden,	Gloucester City,	Tuckaho,
Cape Island,	Leed's Point,	Fislerville,
Swedesborough,	Woodstown,	Absecon,
Brainerd,	Second Camden,	Hammontown,
Vineland,	Waterford,	Berlin,
Glassborough,	Fruitland,	Somers Point,
Atco,	West Bridgeton,	Bunker Hill.

They also report that they dropped from the roll the name of the Rev. Charles E. Ford, residing within the bounds of another Presbytery, and that on the same day, (July 5th,) the Rev. Charles T. McMullin was elected Stated Clerk and Treasurer of Presbytery, and that on the 4th of October, in pursuance of the orders of the Synod of New Jersey and of the General Assembly, the names of the Rev. Alfred Ketcham and Rev. William Mc Nair were placed upon the roll of Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

C. T. McMULLIN, STATED CLERK.

Resolved, That the next Stated Meeting of Synod be held in the First Presbyterian Church of Bloomfield, on the 3d Tuesday of October, 1871, at 3 o'clock, P. M., and that the Moderator of the Synod, the Rev. Charles E. Knox, Pastor of the Bloomfield Church, and the Rev. Duncan Kennedy, Pastor of the Westminster Church, with Mr. Moses W. Dodd, Elder of the Bloomfield Church and Mr. M. M. Bradley, Elder of the Westminster Church be a Committee to make arrangements for the religious exercises of the Synod.

The Committees appointed to examine the records of the Presbyteries of Elizabeth, Monmouth, Morris & Orange, New Brunswick, Newton, West Jersey and Newark, severally reported and the books were approved.

Resolved, As a standing rule of this Synod, that the Stated Clerk prepare a succinct account of the proceedings of the body, and send them for publication to the Presbyterian, the N. Y. Observer and N. Y. Evangelist, as soon after the Meetings as he conveniently can.

The Committee on leave of absence reported that they had given leave of absence to the following Members of Synod :

From the Presbytery of Monmouth :

Messrs. Hodge, Greenleaf, Taylor and Dashiell, Ministers, and Messrs. Vanatta and Schenck, Elders.

From the Presbytery of New Brunswick :

Messrs. Conklin, Burrowes, Randolph and Foster, Ministers, and Messrs. G. H. Burrowes, Carpenter, Pickel, Smith and Warford, Elders.

From the Presbytery of Newton :

Messrs. Spayd and Stitt, Ministers, and Messrs. Hamlin, Hall, Price and Halsey, Elders.

From the Presbytery of Elizabeth :

Messrs. Bond, Lucas and Carter, Ministers, and Messrs. Bird, Ogden, Littell, Hoagland, Ogden, Powel, Hunt, Powelson and Edgar, Elders.

From the Presbytery of Morris & Orange :

Messrs. Fairchild, Cochran and Feagles, Ministers.

From the Presbytery of West Jersey :

Messrs. Brace, Gregory and Bannard, Ministers, and Messrs. Marshall and Fish, Elders.

From the Presbytery of Newark :

Rev. Mr. Canfield.

From the Presbytery of Jersey City :

Messrs. Brayton and Smith, Ministers, and Mr. Stiger, Elder.

The report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on vacant Churches and unemployed Ministers was taken from the docket, and after some discussion, it was laid on the table.

Overture No. 1. from the Presbytery of Corisco, asking whether an ordained Minister could occupy the position of a Ruling Elder, was taken from the docket and after discussion it was resolved that the question be referred to the General Assembly for answer.

Overture No. 2, being a communication from the Board of Education, was taken from the docket and in accordance with the suggestion of the Board, that a Committee should be appointed to supervise the action of the Presbyteries in the matter of Education, the following Committee was appointed :

Rev. Drs. Wilson, Gosman and Roberts, Ministers, and Messrs. J. B. Pinneo and H. W. Green, Elders.

The Committee on the Benevolent Contributions of the Church presented the following report which was adopted :

In October, 1868, the Synod of New Jersey appointed a Committee on Benevolent Contributions, which Committee recommended an effort to raise for the different Boards of the Church the sum of at least \$74,000, apportioning the same to the different Churches, making an average to each communicant of \$2.64 or five-sevenths of one cent per day.

In 1869, the General Assembly through a Committee appointed for that purpose, asked of the Synod of New Jersey the sum of \$82,944, which apportioned to the Churches made for each member 6 1-2 cents per week.

The Synod's Committee recommended for the year 1869-70 the raising of the sum of \$91,583, or at the rate of 7 cents per week or 1 cent a day per member, which recommendation was approved by the Synod, and the several apportionments made to the Presbyteries, asking of each member the following sums for the different Boards. For Foreign Missions, \$1.44; Home Missions, 93 1-6; Education, 25; Publication, 23; Church Extension, 34; Disabled Ministers, 21 1-3; Freedmen, 24 1-2.

The Committee are unable to give definitely the sums raised in the different Presbyteries during the Synodical year, but believe that there has been an advance upon the results of former years, and this plan has led to increased contributions though the sums asked for have not yet been reached for all the Boards. From the Minutes of the General Assembly for 1869, it appears that the amount raised for Foreign Missions in the Synod of New Jersey, was \$25,274, or some \$11,000 less than the sum asked for by the Synod last year, which in view of the increased necessities of the Board, is much to be lament-

ed. Yet the amount raised for the objects for which the Boards labor, was \$92,831, or \$1,246 more than the sum asked for from this Synod.

Should the Synod continue the arrangement begun two years ago, the Committee recommend that the rates apportioned for last year be continued up to April, 1871, and that the Committee be directed to make their apportionment for the Assembly's year in order that but one set of Statistical reports may be required for the Churches.

The Committee on Benevolent Contributions presented for consideration the following resolution, which was adopted :

Resolved, That we recommend the Sabbath Schools of our Churches to indentify themselves with the Memorial Fund, and that a collection be made in each school once a month for that purpose, or contributions be obtained in any other mode which is considered wisest.

Synod took a recess until half-past 7 o'clock, P. M.

At the close of the recess, Synod convened and proceeded to business.

The Narrative of the State of Religion read last evening was adopted and is as follows :

Narrative of the State of Religion within the bounds of the Synod of New Jersey, for the year ending October, 1870 :

A certain degree of monotony would necessarily attach to a yearly report of the growth of a tree ; and the reports might become tiresome.

Nevertheless they would reveal growth or decline. So the necessary monotony of the Narrative of the state of religion sometimes wearies us, and we exclaim " the briefer, the better," Nevertheless it is only by such a review that we can arrive at the facts as to the state of the Church. Such a review is at this time peculiarly encouraging.

Perhaps never in the history of our Church have there appeared more cheering signs of growth.

The dissevered parts have come together in something like an enthusiasm for the work the Master sets before us. And from every quarter come indications that our people are rising to a higher standard of devotion in the service of Christ.

1. The Presbyteries uniformly report that the means of grace have been administered, and that our Ministers have been more abundant than ever in their labors in preaching the Gospel: while the attendance has increased both as to numbers and interest.

Full houses and attentive hearers have afforded unmistakable signs that the Word preached has profited those that heard. And it is certainly cause for rejoicing that this chief instrumentality of the Gospel is extending and increasing its power.

2. With reference to Sabbath Schools the reports are very encouraging. In some they are said to be more than usually prosperous.

Increased attention is observable both in the matter of gathering the children in, and in the influences brought to bear upon them. New schools have been established and old ones improved. And we shall do wrong if we fail to acknowledge that this prosperity is largely due to the influence of associations formed to promote that cause.

Frequent and large meetings have been held all over our State, by which the interest and attention of our people have been increased and fixed. And this awakened attention in turn tends to arouse our Ministers and Elders to guide that interest to use legitimate means to attain safe results. Perhaps the greatest dangers to be apprehended arise from the tendency of human nature to seek for mere show and specious attractions, and from the multitudinous books offered to our schools.

Certainly no action of this Synod would be more thankfully received by those engaged in this good work than a wise and timely word of advice on these important matters.

3. The subject of temperance has been noticed in most of the reports. Some represent it as receiving more than usual attention.

Some report it not advancing. On the whole there is, perhaps, little to be said that is encouraging. In many places great good has been accomplished by the various agencies at work. But they seem only like standing by a flood to drag ashore here and there a piece of driftwood. We need some means to stay the flood. As yet it is

rising; and still carries woe into multitudes of our families, and trouble into all our Churches. More cases of discipline arise from intemperance in drinking than all other causes combined. And these are, perhaps, the smallest evils it is working to the Church. It would even, if possible, by favors bestowed silence the voice of our Ministers, and make even the Church its ally.

4. Closely connected with this great evil, and often growing out of it, the profanation of the Sabbath is reported as increasing in some places. Special mention of this increase is made by two of our Presbyteries lying along our extensive sea beach. The increasing multitudes that pour along our shore every summer, come, in many cases, with the restraints of home influences laid aside; perhaps in many cases have not felt any wholesome restraints at home; and the Lord's day is made a carnival of pleasure seeking dissipation. Some Rail Road companies aggravate the evil by discharging along the shore crowds,—increasing crowds on the Sabbath,—of those who do not fear God, nor have any proper respect for the rights and privileges of others. And not only immediately along the shore, but far into the interior, this evil is felt. In some places it is almost impossible to maintain Church services on account of the sweeping past of a constant stream of Sabbath breakers, possibly of Sabbath breaking professors of religion. If this Synod could adopt any measures that would tend to abate this evil it would be a great blessing to the State, and be hailed with pleasure by our brethren toiling amid such malarious influences. Among our people removed from the business centres and resorts of fashion it is believed there is a growing reverence for the sanctity of the Sabbath.

5. Many of our reports make special mention of the weekly meetings for prayer. While the lament is expressed that the attendance is not in due proportion to that on the Sabbath services, yet an increase is generally noted both in the attendance and interest. The "week of prayer" was observed in nearly all our Churches, and in many instances with marked results. Very often services begun in that blessed season were extended into weeks succeeding. The Lord was pleased to answer his people while they were yet speaking,—Christians were revived and many sinners converted.

Marked revivals have been reported in more than twenty of our Churches resulting in large ingatherings, and in others without the ingatherings. Perhaps no other year in our past history has afforded more encouragement to the faithful preaching of the Word.

6. But certainly the most notable fact in our past ecclesiastical year is that it saw the consummation of re-union and the beginning of reconstruction. We have had occasion to adopt the language of the Psalmist; "When the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter and our tongue with singing; then said they among the people, the Lord has done great things for them. The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

Every one has felt the influence of this glorious consummation. An invigorating thrill has animated the whole body of the Church; and there is awakened in every heart a desire to be ready for the great things the Lord is preparing for us, whether it be of *work*, or of *trial*. For the Lord hath brought us together for some great purpose, and that must be *work* or *trial*.

Now this grand year is to be to our Church a new point of departure. And as we set forth into the future, which seems all bright and promising, it is appropriate that we take a glance at the past. When we raise our Ebenezers, shouting, "hitherto hath the Lord helped us," attention is naturally called to the "hitherto." What report doth it bring of the Lord's doings with us? This question has led your Committee out beyond one year to which our survey is restricted. And some facts have been gleaned indicating growth to which your patience is besought. The fact that this is the census year suggested a comparison of the *religious* and *material* progress of the past ten years. But we are too soon for the returns of the census and so must be content with an imperfect survey. Moreover the time has been too brief to gather up the facts concerning a few of the smaller bodies of Christians, but which facts would very little affect the relative results. Of course it will be remembered we are confined to the limits of our little State.

The review embraces Old and New school Presbyterians, Reformed, Baptist, Episcopal, Lutheran, and Congregational Churches, and two of the Methodist bodies in our State. Of these only the Old school Presbyterian, Reformed, Episcopal and Methodist Churches have anything like complete statistics ten years old. None but these reported amount of "home expenses" ten years ago. While some of the others do not even yet distinguish between "home expenses" and benevolent contributions.

One word further of explanation; a recent writer estimates the increase in the population of our State in the last decade at 40 per

cent. When we remember the war, and that the preceding decade showed only 37 per cent. increase, this seems too high. But let it stand at 40 per cent. And then remember that the same causes that checked the growth of the State checked also that of the Church. But the aggregate increase in the membership of all the Churches named, in the last decade, was from 109,244 to 142,590—or 32.52 per cent.

Now if we could deduct the influence of foreign immigration upon our population, it would be found that the increase in Church membership has outstripped that of the native born population,—that is of those born in the United States. This suggests the momentous question whether “the earth” of this new world can “swallow up” the flood that the old world is pouring in upon us. If we allow two and one-half persons to one member to make up a congregation, then about one-half the people of the State are under the influence of the Churches named. And more than half can find accommodations in their houses of worship.

The details may be found in the following table, in which Methodist probationers are omitted :

CHURCHES.	MEMBERS IN 1860.	MEMBERS IN 1870.	PER CENT. OF INCREASE.
CONG'L	742	2,520	239.62
EPISC'L	6,057	10,154	67.59
LUTHR.	2,297	3,272	42.44
BAPT.	17,261	24,052	39.34
N. S. PRES.	9,504	12,587	32.43
M. E.	41,305	52,117	26.17
O. S. PRES.	20,496	24,554	19.79
REF'D	11,572	13,334	15.22

In explanation of the difference it may be said the rate of increase varies somewhat in proportion to the sizes of the body.

But with this modification growth must be accepted as a good measure of zeal, activity and fidelity.

Then as to the amount of money contributed for Church purposes. The increase in the taxable valuation of the property of this State for five years, from 1865 to 1869 inclusive, was 45 per cent.; while of the four Churches reporting “home expenses” in 1860 the increase has been, in this item for ten years, 139 per cent.; and for

benevolent contributions, 166 per cent. And these ten years included those of the war, and these contributions do not include those called forth by the war. This certainly is evidence of healthy growth.

The details may be thus given :

CHURCHES.	HOME EXPENSES IN 1860.	PER CAPITA.	HOME EXPENSES IN 1870.	PER CAPITA.	PER CT. OF INCREASE.
M. E.	\$109,989	\$ 2.66	\$302,786	\$ 5.81	175
O. S. PRES. . . .	161,257	7.87	428,057	17.43	165
REF'D	115,955	10.02	247,591	18.57	113
EPISC.	135,021	22.29	267,232	26.31	98
N. S. PRES. . . .			195,565	15.54	

But contributions for benevolent purposes afford a better measure of growth as to liberality. They may be thus given :

CHURCHES.	BENEVOLENCE IN 1860.	PER CAPITA.	BENEVOLENCE IN 1870.	PER CAPITA.	PER CENT. OF INCREASE.
EPISC.	\$22,749	\$3.77	\$71,476	\$7.04	214
M. E.	25,296	0.61	76,457	1.46	202
O. S. PRES. . . .	41,136	2.00	104,918	4.27	155
REF'D.	26,129	2.25	63,365	4.75	142
N. S. PRES. . . .			81,793	6.50	

One more general table may be given :

CHURCHES.	FOR ALL PURPOSES IN 1860.	PER CAPITA.	FOR ALL PURPOSES IN 1870.	PER CAPITA.
EPISC.	\$157,770	\$26.04	\$338,708	\$33.35
REF'D.	142,084	12.27	310,956	23.32
O. S. PRES. . . .	202,393	9.87	532,975	21.70
CONG'L.	5,500	7.47	37,360	14.82
LUTHR.	12,473	5.43	24,121	7.37
M. E.	135,285	3.27	379,143	7.28
N. S. PRES. . . .	Not reported.		227,358	22.04
BAPT.	" "		75,923	3.15

There are seven or eight Lutheran Churches representing about one thousand communicants, in the eastern part of the State, of which the statistics were not obtained. Very few Baptist Churches reported for "home expenses," and the few that did so report did not distinguish between those expenses and benevolent contributions. Their reports for this year will probably show an improvement in these respects. And it must be stated that these tables above given only approximate the truth; for benevolent contributions are not always reported; and they are not always distinguished from "home expenses." In our own reports the miscellaneous "column is not always confined to benevolent contributions. Our tables are fuller than any others, but they would be clearer with one more column for "extra congregational," to include money given for building and repairing churches and parsonages, and for Sabbath Schools.

In the above tables it must be observed that the rates of increase are modified somewhat by starting from small beginnings, and by special efforts in various years; as for instance, the Newark M. E. Conference is credited last year with more than \$13,000 extra benevolent contributions for the Institute at Hackettstown. But this must also be observed, that the Methodists do not report money contributed for building and repairing Churches and parsonages, except incidentally in reporting their "probable value."

It is evident from this record that the Episcopal machinery is the costliest, and the Methodist, the cheapest. And perhaps it ought to be added of our Methodist brethren that, in one sense at least, they possess more of that charity that reaches out to all denominations. Certainly none of the Churches have reason to boast of the record on benevolence. A large majority of the Churches in our body report less than \$2.00 per capita to the schemes of benevolence recommended by the Assembly. We need to give more earnest attention to establish a juster proportion between "home expenses" and "benevolence."

Now a few more facts concerning more particularly our own branch of the Church, and your patience will be relieved. In the term "our branch" are included the late O. and N. S. Presbyterian, and our excellent brethren, the very cream of the earth, whom we can scarcely recognize without calling them "Dutch," and concerning whom we will never be satisfied until they can be persuaded to reform, *Reformed* into *Presbyterian*.

This triple body has increased in the last decade from 300 to 419 Ministers, a number of them recently added by reconstruction;

from 263 to 330 Churches; and from 41,273 members to 50,475, an increase in the aggregate of 21 per cent. If thus united, we would stand first in numbers among evangelical Churches,—unless Methodist probationers are counted.

In the matter of benevolence we gave last year over \$50,000 more than all others combined. We gave \$250,076; or \$4.95 per capita. For all Church purposes combined we gave last year \$1,221,288.00, or \$22.21 per capita. While the only other equal body,—the Methodist,—gave \$379,143.00; or if the increase in the value of Church buildings and parsonages be added, as contribution, then \$727,273. But such increase is partly made up of rise in value of property, but to what extent it is impossible to ascertain.

This would be a very creditable record for our membership were it not for two facts; a large proportion of money for all Church purposes is contributed by those not numbered in the Church; and very large sums are given for special objects, as we find three Churches in one Presbytery are credited with more than \$60,000 for “home expenses.”

Of our now reunited body we may record that we numbered in 1860, 30,000; in 1870, 37,141 an increase of 7,141, or 24 per cent. We had in our Sabbath Schools in 1860, 21,920 members; we have now 37,510, an increase of 71 per cent. This looks very encouraging; and yet we began far below our Church membership, and rise but little above it now.

In 1860 we find 43 Churches on our roll reporting nothing to the Assembly's schemes of benevolence; this year 19 such Churches appear. But besides these delinquent Churches, over 250 blanks stare us in the face. Or in other words nearly one-fourth of all the spaces which the Assembly asks us to fill for benevolent objects still remain blank. Here is a field for the Presbytery Committees. Ten years ago we had 52 Candidates and Licentiates; now we have 87, of which New Brunswick Presbytery has 38.

But perhaps, as the work of winning souls to Christ is *the* great work to which we are appointed, the following record may be the most interesting of all. In the year ending May, 1860, there were admitted to all our Churches in the State of New Jersey on examination, 1,011 persons; in 1861,—1,033; in 1862,—1,020; in 1863,—1,104; in 1864,—1,280; in 1865,—1,616; in 1866,—1,726; in 1867,—2,208; in 1868,—1,853; in 1869,—1,570; and in 1870,—2,480. Many more this last year than any previous year of the decade. Surely we are

called upon to render devout thanksgiving to God for having crowned reunion year with such an abundant blessing. And perhaps that thanksgiving can be expressed in no more acceptable manner than by bringing to the altar our share of the "memorial fund." And we shall prove ourselves to be strangely constituted if, with such a record before us, we do not feel our zeal stimulated to larger labors, that as the years go by we may come up rejoicing in ever increasing numbers won to the Lord. With hearts enlarged by gratitude to God, for all that He hath done for us, and rising to a higher atmosphere of love for all the followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, we resolve that, while clinging with more ardent affection to our own system of faith and order, we will yet inscribe upon our banners, "with malice for none, with charity for all, we address ourselves to the great work the Lord hath given us to do."

JOSEPH G. SYMMES, COMMITTEE.

October, 1870.

The following preamble and resolution were adopted on the subject of the recognition of God in the Constitution of the United States :

Whereas, The Scriptures plainly teach that God is the ultimate source of all authority and power in civil government—that nations as such are His creatures, subjects of His moral government, are by Him rewarded for national obedience and punished for national sins, and are dependent upon Him for preservation, guidance and prosperity, and

Whereas, It is the plain duty of nations as such to recognize and acknowledge this dependence and responsibility in their fundamental and organic law, and

Whereas, The Constitution of the United States as it now stands contains no such recognition or acknowledgment,
Therefore

Resolved, That this Synod do cordially approve and recommend the efforts now making to secure an Amendment of the Constitution in which our national dependence upon God and our responsibility to Him shall be appropriately acknowledged.

Dr. Reed from the Commission to whom was referred the appeal of Mr. H. Woodruff from a decision of the Presbytery of Jersey City, made the following report, which was adopted :

The Commission appointed by the Synod of New Jersey, to adjudicate the appeal of Mr. Hampton Woodruff from a decision of the Presbytery of Jersey City affecting himself, met and organized by the appointment of the Rev. Joseph G. Symmes as Secretary.

The Chairman reminded the Commission that they were about to sit as a Court of Jesus Christ, and charged them to remember their responsibility in the business now to be brought before them. Upon the call of the Chairman, Dr. Hand engaged in prayer.

The order of proceedings adopted by Synod was entered upon.

1. The sentence of the Presbytery of Jersey City appealed from was read.

2. The appeal and the reasons for the same were read.

3. The records of the Presbytery bearing on the case were read.

4. The original parties, viz : Rev. E. P. Gardner, the Prosecutor, and Mr. Hampton Woodruff, the Appellant were heard to their satisfaction.

5. The Committee of Presbytery Drs. Imbrie and Campbell appointed to defend the action appealed from, were heard, as also Rev. Messrs. Noble and Duffield, members of the Presbytery were heard in explanation of their reason for assent to the action aforesaid, and Dr. Harkness for dissenting therefrom.

The parties then all withdrew.

When, after discussion the following action was adopted, viz : That while there appeared to be irregularities in the mode in which the Session conducted the case, it

also appears that the Presbytery in issuing the appeal, condemned those irregularities while confirming the action in the result reached; agreeing with the Presbytery in their censure of these irregularities, we also agree with them that they do not vitiate the action of the Session, and therefore in the judgment of the Commission, the appeal should not be sustained.

To this judgment there was one dissenting voice.

V. D. REED, Chairman.

J. G. SYMMES, Secretary.

The following Committee was appointed to take the charge of the subject of the benevolent contributions of the Churches:

Rev. Drs. Imbrie, Hand, Roberts, Reed and Wilson, and the Rev. Messrs. Symmes and Aikman.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Synod be, and they are hereby tendered to the citizens of Morristown and its vicinity for the kind and abundant hospitalities which they have extended to the members of the Synod, during the Sessions of the body in this City.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod be returned to the Managers of the Rail Roads who have kindly furnished the Members of the Synod return tickets free of charge. And also to the Committee of Arrangements for the very efficient manner in which they have discharged their arduous and responsible duties.

Ordered, That the Treasurer pay the Janitor's bill amounting to ten dollars.

The calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Synod then adjourned to meet in the Presbyterian Church of Bloomfield, N. J., on the 3d Tuesday of October, 1871, at 3 o'clock. P. M.

Concluded with Singing, Prayer and the Benediction.

RAVAUD K. RODGERS, STATED CLERK.

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